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This book presents an outline of the historical development of English in Africa. The book covers all the major aspects of English in separate chapters, but aims at demonstrating how closely these aspects are intertwined. The differences in the historical impact of the English language in different regions are reflected in present sociolinguistic situations. The functions of English may even determine which forms are used and accepted within a community. A central factor in the development of forms and functions of English in Africa is education. The chapters are: Chapter 1, "The Colonial Inheritance"; Chapter 2, "The Sociolinguistic Situation; Chapter 3, "Language Forms"; Chapter 4, "English in Education" (in Africa); Chapter 5, "English in African Literature"; Chapter 6, "Influence on African languages"; Chapter 7, "Attitudes towards English"; Chapter 8, "Language Policy and the Future of English in Africa"; and Chapter 9, "Problems and Perspectives of Empirical Research." (Contains 806 references.) (CK)

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